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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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Sir:

This is a Petition for Extension of Time for a three-month period pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). This Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed with a Preliminary Amendment and Request for Continued Prosecution. A \$475.00 fee is enclosed with this Petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1)-(5). If this fee is inaccurate, please debit or credit Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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